



### poster ABSTRACT

Poster No. 11

#### TITLE

**IT'S THE CONNECTIONS THAT COUNT!**

#### TRACK

**Collaboration/Diversity/Coordination**

#### OBJECTIVES

Our intention is to depict the people, process, and technology aspect of the project, but more specifically, highlight our carefully selected strategic partnerships and describe a collaboration process using the Collaboration Framework as a model.

#### SUMMARY

We plan to use the network as a metaphor (fully connected topology). One of the main themes will be Connectedness. We want to show an adaptive knowledge network of partners and relationships. Our goal is to focus on the importance of collaboration, building relationships, outreach, selecting the right partners while ensuring diversity between urban and rural, children and seniors, socioeconomic factors.

The Collaboration Framework developed by the National Network for Collaboration includes: Grounding, Core Foundation (Guiding Principles), Outcomes (Real People impacts, policy development, systems and resources development), Contextual Factors (Policies/laws/regulations), and Process Factors (how to collaborate). A major emphasis will be on achieving clearly defined outcomes and drawing on diversity of people and opinions. The framework clarifies the factors, both process and contextual which can either promote or inhibit the effectiveness of collaboration which in turn affects the desired outcomes.

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